

**Funding Action Team
Meeting Notes
July 23, 2004**

Attendance D. Alexander, B. Blaesing, D. Byers, A. Cooper, J. Deming, C. Erickson, D. Holt, A. Kaltenthaler, P. Kazmierski, R. Lange, W. Carley, J. Rice, J. Stoker, E. Strater, A. Dennis, T. Petko, S. Maynard.

Meeting Overview
(25 words or less) Senator Jud Gilbert discussed transportation and the concerted effort to increase diesel fuel user fee. Senator Gilbert recommended educating the public and advocating the issue to obtain support.

Meeting Notes Senator Gilbert noted that revenues from registration fees charged are negatively affected by trucking firms registering trailers to other states. These states do not require the trucking companies to do business in the state where they are registered.

Senator Gilbert suggested that the word needs to be spread about the benefits of transportation to the economy. A \$1 investment generates \$11 in economic activity. He stressed the importance of meeting with legislators and staff and confirmed it would be advantageous to make educational/informational presentations in the fall emphasizing a better economy, quality of life, tourism, etc.

The reauthorization proposal presented by J. Inhofe includes a reduced amount to the budget, as compared to the Senate version, but guaranteeing 94 percent.

Discussed opportunities to educate legislators and meet with staff to support issues. Make public the fact that a poor transportation system is a detriment to Michigan, i.e., roads are important to the economic development and improve quality of life.

Gary Naeyaert and Kirk Steudle attended Wisconsin Funding Summit, June 18, 2004, an initiative advanced through the chamber of commerce for additional funding in the state.

Guest speaker and MDOT representative to discuss feasibility of toll roads will be postponed until August 27, 2004. Please forward suggestions on speaker to Theresa.

Brian Blaesing gave update on **Education Action Plan**. Senate one-on-ones would be with those not on the committees. Plan to prepare package for key legislators explaining need for additional transportation revenues, benefits that can be derived, support of additional investment, etc.

Action Items

1. Educate legislators who are not on the committee to inform those not directly involved in transportation, discuss plan of action.
2. Doris to confirm time on October 5 for presentation to Senator Gilbert's committee.
3. Doris to schedule dates with senators and/or their staff.
4. Doris to confirm House side on October 7 at 9:00 am
5. Toll Road Discussion, August 27 – Al Kaltenthaler to invite guest speaker.
6. Assign individuals to speak with legislators....Ralph Lange volunteered

**Proposed
Agenda Topics
For Next
Meeting**

1. Guest Speaker – to discuss Toll Roads
 2. Update on Reauthorization
 3. Update on Wisconsin Funding Summit – G. Naeyaert and K. Steudle
 4. Education Subcommittee Update
 5. Update on meetings with Legislature – Doris
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**Next Meeting
Dates**

1. Friday, August 27, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
2. Friday, September 24, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
3. Friday, October 22, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
4. Friday, November 19, 2004 9:30 – 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

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Meeting Agenda**

**August 27, 2004
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Aeronautics Auditorium
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- 1. Guest Speaker – to Discuss Toll Roads**
- 2. Update on Reauthorization**
- 3. Update on Wisconsin Funding Summit – G. Naeyaert and K. Steudle**
- 4. Education Subcommittee Update**
- 5. Update on meetings with Legislature – Doris Byers**
- 6. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**
- 7. Post Critique Meeting**